Governments/UTs and All India Employers and Employees Organisations to set up Complaints Committees, to be headed by women for redressal of complaints arising out of sexual harassment of women at their workplace. As per information available, most organisations have set up Complaints Committees in their organisations. Amendments have also been made to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 so that sexual harassment of women at workplace in the private sector could constitute an offence for which a workman is liable for disciplinary action.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) is in the process of reviewing the laws affecting women with a view to remove provisions in them which may be discriminatory to women.

National Nutrition Mission

2051. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish National Nutrition Mission;

(b) if so, what would be its composition;

(c) what are its objectives; and

(d) by when it would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The establishment of National Nutrition Mission is at formative stage. Its details have not yet been finalised.

Undertaakings for Senior Professors/Reades in CHIs

2052. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Senior Professors/Readers in Central Hindi Institutes are forced to sign an undertaking when posted to Delhi/Hyderabad, to the effect that they would not claim for inchargeship;

(b) the names and designations of the Professors/Readers posted in Delhi/Hyderabad and other Centres from whom such undertakings have been taken on the behest of acting director, togetherwith the names of the Centres where juniors are incharge; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (c) No such undertaking has been taken from any of the Senior Professors/Readers in the Central Hindi Institute, Agra for any Centre. Only one Professor, Dr. Krishan Kumar Goswami who is retiring on 31-7-2002 requested for transfer to the Delhi Centre, himself submitted an undertaking that he would not claim the right to be incharge of the Delhi Centre.

The Delhi and Hyderabad Centres are the two Centres not headed by the senior most Professors posted there.

Neglect of Social Science in Universities

2053. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL : Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that social science is being neglected and marginalized in Universities and natural sciences, engineering and other trade-based sciences are growing at the cost of the other;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any agenda to declare as, or set up more Universities, as Central Universities;

(d) whether the Utkal University occupies a strategic place and has the potential to be declared as Central University; and

(e) if so, the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) to (e) National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992, lays emphasis on consolidation of facilities, rather than on their expansion. Programme of action, 1992 also directs that given the severe constraint of